



# Timberbank Times

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## Principal's Message

Dear Timberbank Parents/Guardians,

It has certainly been an exciting start to 2016. Though we may not have a lot of snow, Timberbank continues to be a flurry of activity.

We celebrated Lunar New Year (the Year of the Monkey) in fine form with wonderful performances on Friday, February 5th. Thanks to those who were able to attend our Assembly. Gung Hey Fat Choy!

As you know, Term 1 Report Cards went home on Tuesday, February 9th and parent-teacher interviews have taken place. We certainly appreciate you taking the time to meet to discuss your child's progress. Please feel free to connect with the classroom teacher if you have any further concerns or questions about your child.

We continue to offer a variety of activities for our students beyond the classroom. Our PALS leaders are being trained to begin our houseleague program very soon. Along with this, our Folkdancing group has begun its practices every Friday at lunch. Chess Club continues on Thursdays, Minecraft Club on Mondays & Tuesdays and of course our new Show Choir is practicing every Wednesday at lunch. Our EcoTeam members continue their efforts to make Timberbank a more eco-friendly site through our "lights-out" and "Walking Wednesday" initiatives.

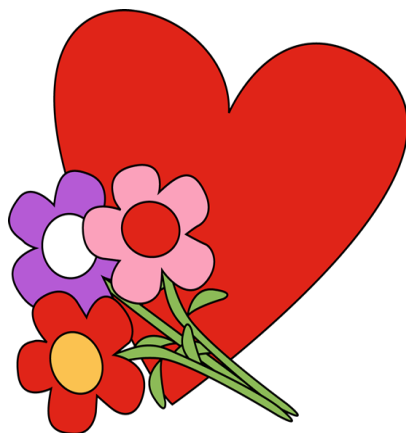
We hope to see many of you at our Family Movie Night on Friday, February 19th or at our next Parent Engagement Night on March 8th. See you there! We look forward to seeing you over the next couple of weeks. Remember to keep warm during these frosty days.

*Mrs. Anna Epitropou*



## Upcoming Dates

- Feb. 18 Grades 1-6 trip to Flato Theatre for "Little Mermaid" the Musical
- Feb. 19 Family Movie Night - Dinner @ 6:30pm; Movie starts @ 7pm
- Feb. 24 Kindergarten Registration in the main office all day
- Feb. 26 **MOVE-A-THON in the gym - Timberbank's main fundraiser**
- March 2 TDSB Instrumental Music Symposium at John Buchan in the pm
- March 2 Young Women on the Move Event
- March 3 Grade 6 Parent Information Night for Camp Kearney
- March 7 Parent School Council Meeting in the Library @ 6:30pm
- March 8 Speech Arts Competition in the morning in the gym
- March 8 Parent Engagement Night #2
- March 10 Lice Check
- March 11 Earth Hour from 2pm to 3pm
- March 14-18 **MARCH BREAK**



## SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

Attention Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

### Upcoming School Council's Activities For You and Your Family

#### Family Movie Night Friday, February 19th

Join us for our first movie night for parents and students together. Bring your blankets and pillows and enjoy some popcorn while you watch Pixar's **"INSIDE OUT"** together in the gym at **7pm on Feb.19<sup>th</sup>**. To show our appreciation for your support throughout the year, school council is making this movie **"FREE"**. For those interested, you can also come earlier at **6:30pm and purchase pizza and water** to make it dinner and a movie. Be sure to send your response form back to school to reserve a spot for your family. Note – students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

#### Family Fun Night – Tues., March 8th

Book your calendar now! Council will host our second family engagement night of the year made possible by our PRO Grant. Students and parents will participate together at three different interactive stations which will feature activities and education designed to challenge both sides of your brain - your logical thinking and your creative side. Watch for your registration forms and come early.....this time the pizza is on us!

#### Spring Fair – Saturday, June 18th

Circle the date on your calendars now. Prior to the event, we will be happy to accept donations for the raffle or silent auction, requests for table rentals or offers to help on the big day! Drop your donations off in the office or leave a message that you are interested in volunteering at the fair!

#### Next School Council Meeting Monday March 7<sup>th</sup>

Join us in the school library on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Next meeting will include planning for the Spring Fair.

### Kindergarten Registration on February 24th all day outside the main office.

(9:30-11:30am and 1:30-4:00pm)

Please bring the following information about your child:

1. Age ( a birth certificate or passport)
2. Address ( 2 pieces of identification that show your address)
3. Immunization (card that shows a list of needles)



### TDSB JUST READ IT

Dear parents, if you have yet to submit any entries to the TDSB's "Just Read It" program during this current school year, please see details below:

"Have you read any good books lately? Just Read It encourages all students, staff and the entire TDSB community to engage in the joy of reading and to share the experience of reading a wide range of books with each other. Whether signed out at a school library, the local public library read at home or read in the classroom, all books submitted will be tracked and counted throughout the year. Visit here as often as possible to submit your books to count towards the TDSB total and to recommend your favourite books to everyone! Monthly prizes will be randomly awarded to motivate and mobilize our school community."

The link for this program can be accessed from our Timberbank PS Library site: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Findyour/Schools/LibraryCat.aspx?schoolno=4740>



This is another way to encourage and celebrate reading! Good luck to everyone who submits entries!

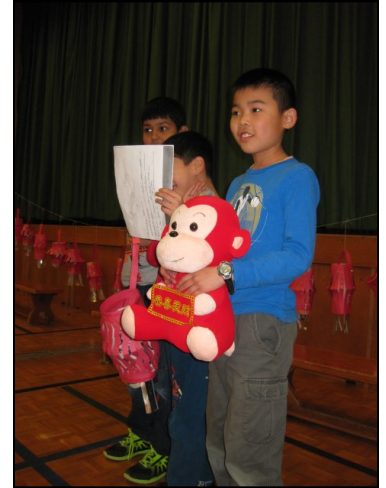
### Congratulations to our last winner!!







## *Lunar New Year Celebrations*





## Working Hard at School & Having Fun!



### "Gratitude Corner" from our Grade 4 Class

Ms Persaud's class completes a daily gratitude journal and wanted to share the following quotes from her students. With each newsletter, all of her students will have the chance to share their thoughts.

We hope you enjoy them!

"Today I am thankful for being myself" - Hishany

"Today I am grateful that Mom and Dad are coming home from their trip today" - Michelle

"Today I am grateful for seeing snow!" - Daniel

## Reminders:

- **Cars dropping off** students need to pay attention to the crosswalk and clearly posted signage for NO Stopping. **Please do not do U-turns on Timberbank.** Take a moment and move down the street and make your turns safely. This continues to be a significant safety concern. You are welcome to drive into the parking lot, drop off your child and continue on. Do NOT block the driveway! Please be mindful of your driving around all school neighbourhoods. We want our students and community to be **SAFE!!!**

**Reminder!**



## MOVE-a-THON

On Friday, February 26th, Timberbank's annual Move-a-Thon will be taking place in our gym. This is our key fundraiser to help support our efforts in replacing our playground structure and also to provide enrichment activities for our students.

**Grand Prize** for most \$ raised: Xbox One - 1TB

**2nd Prize** - Scooter **3rd Prize** - Mini-sled (Zipfy) +

Many more prizes that will be in a draw - students receive a draw ticket for every \$10 raised.

All kindergarten students will be participating. All Grade 1-6 students must have a participation card signed by parent(s).



## Student Absences: Safe Arrival Program

**416-396-6860, press 1**



Please call the school at 416-396-6860 and use the 24 hour voicemail system to report your child's absence or late arrival. If a call is not received, the automated call-out system will contact the parents. Please listen carefully and confirm the reason for the absence. Up-to-date emergency phone numbers for parents at home and work must be provided to the school. In the evening, the system calls all students who have arrived late that day.

**All students arriving late or leaving early should sign in and/or out at the main office with a parent or designated caregiver.** We appreciate your help in this matter in keeping our students safe.

## **OWL PELLETS - "Do you know what's inside them?"**





### Staying "On T.R.A.C.K."

At Timberbank, we believe in having our students stay on track. This recognition program raises awareness of each student's contribution to personal and social responsibility. Our staff and students focus on character development, highlighting the positive contributions and actions of all members of the Timberbank School Community. Through our regular assemblies these qualities of character will be recognized and honoured.

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized for their "ATTITUDE & ACHIEVEMENT" at our "On TRACK" assembly on February 5th:

*Mr. O'Connor's class* – Aleena, Christina, Kajan, Mirror & Vanessa

*Mrs. Butter's class* - Alex & Anthony

*Mrs. Corrieri's class* – Aksaya, Kate, Nikkol, Patrick & Samuel

*Ms Persaud's class* – Arjun, Gregory, Provence, Raymond, Sophia & Zainab

*Mrs. Spirou's class* – Abisha, Faizaan & Saba

*Ms Boulos's class* – Angela, Ciara, Laiba, Lucas & Ricky

*Ms Lai/Mr. Mirshahi's class* – Andrew, Christina, Jada, Shyon & Zoya

*Ms Namasivayam's class* – Alysha, Letisha & Suruthiga

*Ms Mourad/Ms Malkomkojian's class* – Edmond, Grace & Morsal

*Mrs. Ball's class* – Farhan, Glory & Mahdi

*Mrs. Jeung/Mrs. Singh's class* – Athena, Daniel & Olivia

On Tuesday, February 9th, our "Attitude / Achievement" winners in grades 1-6 had lunch with Mrs. Epitropou. Here is a list of things that they said would like everyone to know about Timberbank:

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| · the best school to go to & learn (Alysha) | · a school where there are no "put-downs" (Arjun)                      |
| · is a Gold Eco-School (Aleena)             | · has the best teachers who teach (Alex)                               |
| · has lots of fun activities (Mirror)       | · has different classes like Dance Class & we have fun learning (Saba) |
| · a school where everyone is helpful (Zoya) | · have "lights out" every Friday to save energy (Raymond)              |
| · we accept everyone's differences (Kate)   | · we do "Nine to Feel Fine" when we're feeling stressed (Sophia)       |
| · we are a unique school (Aksaya)           | · we have Walking Wednesdays to stop car pollution (Gregory)           |
| · has kind and friendly students (Letisha)  | · we have student ambassadors that help out (Alex)                     |



Congratulations to our Girls Volleyball Team who represented Timberbank at a tournament which we hosted. The girls did a great job and showed amazing team spirit Well done girls!!

Thanks to their coaches, Mr. O'Connor and Ms Lai, for their hard work.



## SCIENCE FUN

"We put together radish seeds in a jar of wet paper towel to watch them germinate [grow from the seed]. Four days later they were tall enough to see them so we took them out of the paper towel and put the radish seeds into soil to grow better. The next day one of them was 9.5 cm. Then the next day it was 10 cm!"

- Lukas K., Grade 3



## ECO NEWS

### **Eco Collage Winners**

Congratulations to Harrini in Grade 1/2 and Anjana in Grade 5 for winning the most votes in the school-wide Eco Wrapping Paper Collage Challenge. Both winners received Eco Prize-Packs at the last On-Track assembly. Their packages included a re-usable lunch bag, eco pencils, a ball, an eco picture book and a Timberbank re-usable water bottle. The winning collages are also on display on the Eco Bulletin board by the main office. Thanks again to all of the classes who participated!



Congratulations also to Ms Namasivayam's class for being our latest "Walking Wednesdays" winners. They had the most participation from all the other classes. Remember to do something good for the environment and your health! Wake up a little earlier and make the time to walk to school.

The Eco Team :)



# 100th Day at School

